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1. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, MISSION OFFICER MET WITH
MONGOLIA'S NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF U.N. MISSION GENDENGYM NYAMDO
IN U.N.'S INDONESIAN LOUNGE SEPTEMBER 1. FORMER DEPUTY
CHIEF OF MONGOLIAN MISSION OCHIRBAL DEPARTED NEW YORK ON
AUGUST 20.

2. REGARDING OUR APRIL 13 APPROACH ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, NYAMDO SAID THAT AMBASSADOR PUNTSAGNOROV
HAD RETURNED FROM ULAANBAATAR BUT THAT MONGOLIA HAD NOT YET
DECIDED ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE
SAID THAT, "WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR BOTH SIDES," MONGOLIA
WOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE. NYAMDO EXPRESSED MUCH APPRECIATION
FOR THE FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S./MONGOLIAN RELATIONS
AND HE HOPED THAT THIS TREND WOULD CONTINUE. HE SAID HIS
MISSION WOULD BE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM ULAANBAATAR
ABOUT RECOGNITION.

3. NYAMDO, WHO WAS BORN ON APRIL 1, 1934 IN DZAVKHAN
MONGOLIA, ARRIVED IN NEW YORK IN MID-AUGUST. HE EXPECTED
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HIS WIFE, HIS DAUGHTER, 12, AND SON, SEVEN, TO JOIN HIM

FAIRLY SOON IN NEW YORK. NYAMDO SPOKE QUITE GOOD IF SOMEWHAT RUSTY ENGLISH AND HE APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND ENGLISH QUITE WELL. HE SAID HE HAD LEARNED HIS ENGLISH IN MOSCOW BUT HAD LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT SINCE THEN. BEFORE COMING TO NEW YORK HE SAID HE WAS HEAD OF THE LEGAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF MONGOLIA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY. NYAMDO SPOKE WITH CONFIDENCE AND WAS MOST CORDIAL DURING THE MEETING. HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. MISSION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HE ASKED ABOUT OUR POSITIONS ON VIETNAM'S U.N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND KOREA, AS WELL AS OUR VIEWS ON THE COLOMBO SUMMIT.

4. ON VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MISOFF SAID THAT USUN WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. MISOFF ALSO POINTED OUT THAT U.S. PUBLIC HAD KEEN INTEREST IN MIA QUESTION. NYAMDO SAID HE RECOGNIZED THIS.

5. ON KOREA, MISOFF POINTED TO OUR DESIRE TO PROMOTE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. MISOFF STRESSED THAT FOR THAT REASON WE HAD NOT RUSHED TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, WE WERE OBLIGED TO DO SO WHEN PRO-DPPK SIDE CAME IN WITH ITS STIFF CONFRONTATIONAL TEXT. MISOFF EMPHASIZED THAT RECENT TRAGIC INCIDENT IN JSA OF DMZ UNDERLINED NEED TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION ON KOREAN ISSUE. MISOFF CONCLUDED THAT, IF PRO-DPRK ELEMENTS SOUGHT TO PROVOKE CONFRONTATION IN UNGA, OUR SIDE WAS PREPARED TO DEFEND ITS INTERESTS HARD. NYAMDO SEEMED TO APPRECIATE THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

6. IN GIVING SOME VIEWS ON COLOMBO, MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE DEPLORED THE STIFF LANGUAGE IN SOME OF THE COLOMBO TEXTS, FOR INSTANCE THE ONES ON KOREA, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME TWENTY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAD SPOKEN UP AT COLOMBO TO EXPRESS RESERVATIONS ON THE KOREAN TEXTS. ACCORDINGLY, THESE TEXTS COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO REPRESENT CONSENSUS. NYAMDO TOOK FULL NOTE OF THIS AND SAID THAT HE HAD HAD TO RELY ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE "NEW YORK TIMES" FOR HIS INFORMATION ON COLOMBO, BECAUSE MONGOLIA WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED AND BECAUSE ITS RELATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH SRI LANKA WERE HANDLED BY ITS EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI. (COMMENT: MONGOLIA'S AMBASSADOR AT NEW DELHI WAS IN COLOMBO DURING THE SUMMIT.)
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